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5. A grid according to claim 1, wherein a width of the bonding points or lines is 3 mm or less.

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7. A grid according to claim 1, wherein the strength of a part of each bonding point or line at an edge of the at least one zone of overlap is lower than the strength of a part of each bonding point or line at and near the center of the at least one zone or overlap.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 are pending herein. Claims 9-12 are withdrawn from consideration.

The attached Appendix includes marked up copies of the rewritten claims.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I. Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby affirm the election of Group I, claims 1-8, directed to a grid.

Claims 9-12 are directed to a process of making the grid of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that when claim 1 is allowed, claims 9-12 should be rejoined and similarly allowed.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 3-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As explained on page 3, lines 7-12 of the specification, angular points refer to those points close to the angles of intersection. By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended to conform with this description of define the term "angular point." Claims 4 and 5 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis for "width" and include the term "bonding." Claim 7 is also amended to include proper antecedent basis for "edge."